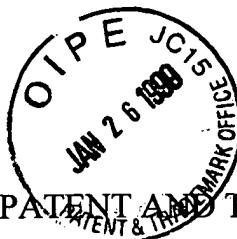


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For: IMPROVEMENT TO A HELMET HAVING RESILIENT BENDING
MEANS IN THE LOWER REAR PORTION OF THE SHELL THEREOF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.112

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 26, 1998, in which a three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 26, 1999, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 18 as follows:

C:\Put in 17 1. (Twice amended) A protective helmet of the type including a main outer shell